

WASHINGTON

Senate passes massive tax bill

Chamber votes on rewrite of code to give Trump his first big legislative win. House gets it back for vote.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON » Senate Republicans have passed the most sweeping rewrite of the nation's tax laws in more than three decades, setting the stage for a final House vote today. The House passed the bill earlier Tuesday. But the Senate had

to make minor changes so the bill would comply with Senate budget rules. The Senate vote was 51-48 early today, with all Republicans in favor and all Democrats opposed. Rewriting the tax code has been a longtime goal of Republicans and an effort championed by President Donald Trump. Democrats complain that the package is a giveaway to corporations and the rich. The tax cuts total nearly \$1.5 trillion over the next decade and would take effect in January. Workers would start to see

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Speaker of the House Paul Ryan talks after the passage of the Republican tax reform bill in the House on Tuesday.

POLITICS

All but two area Republicans in House vote for tax reform

Rohrabacher, Issa say plan will hurt their districts' taxpayers

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While six Southern California Republicans voted for the tax-reform deal approved by the House on

Tuesday, the other two — among the most vulnerable Republicans seeking re-election next year — cast “no” votes after saying the plan would hurt taxpayers in their districts. Backers of the plan, which Democrats united in opposing, championed its tax cuts and said it would spur economic growth.

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Issa

DIOCESE OF ORANGE

ESCAPING TO FAITH

Priest who fled religious persecution in Vietnam is ordained as auxiliary bishop of Orange



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The Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen holds up the mandate from the apostolic see at St. Columban Church in Garden Grove on Tuesday.

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GARDEN GROVE » The Most Rev. Thanh Thai Nguyen came to the United States in 1979 after suffering persecution at the hands of communists for practicing his faith. His escape by boat from Vietnam and a harrowing journey braving the elements is a story that resonates with thousands of others in Orange County who endured similar experiences. On Tuesday afternoon, as about 1,200 watched in the sanctuary of Saint Columban Church in Garden Grove — clergy and members of the Orange County Vietnamese Catholic commu-

nity among them — the Most Rev. Kevin Vann, bishop of Orange, smeared the top of Nguyen's head with holy oil, formally ordaining him as the diocese's second auxiliary bishop. The Most Rev. Timothy Freyer was ordained as auxiliary bishop in January. Nguyen's appointment comes just a few days after the diocese held a funeral for the Most Rev. Dominic Luong, who in 2003 was appointed as the first native-born Vietnamese bishop in the United States. Vann, who welcomed Nguyen, 64, with a few words in Vietnamese, called the ordination “joyful and deeply meaningful.” “You will minister to many

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The Most Rev. Kevin Vann, bishop of Orange, lays hands on Nguyen during Nguyen's ordination as auxiliary bishop of Orange.

SOCIAL ISSUES

Memorial ceremony to honor homeless

210 people who died this year will be remembered at interfaith service

By Theresa Walker
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Jerome “Jerry” Stephen Clark died last month after years spent mainly on the streets, abusing drugs and alcohol as his addictions overpowered his repeated efforts to turn his life around. Somehow, he made it to 70. Going alphabetically, Clark's name is No. 40 on a list of 210 homeless people whose deaths over the past year will be remembered during an interfaith ceremony.

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HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

Mater Dei's Daniels wins national award

JT Daniels received the Gatorade National Player of the Year award on Tuesday.

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AMTRAK CRASH

Engineer at center of probe

Investigators looking into the crash south of Seattle are examining whether the engineer lost “situational awareness” due to a second person in the cab.

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